

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

February 2, 2012 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 P.M.

Present: Edward Clancy, Chairman; John Skarin, David Williams, Allan White, Dennis Demers and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Lawrence Roy and Michele Higgins

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 1, 2011 and January 5, 2012 were unanimously approved as written.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent

17 Rolfe Rd. - Jonathan Skillings - Dennis Demers abstained from this discussion.

Proposes to install a sewer connection to his home and repave the driveway which crosses a wetland system and culvert.

This item was continued to the Feb. 16th meeting

Notice of Intent (continuation)

24 Hager St. - Lourival Santos

Proposes to make improvements to the barn, existing stone walls, gates, fences, sheds and landscape features and trees, within the buffer zone and Riverfront Area of Hop Brook

Mr. Lourival Santos was present. The Commission had a few more questions about the project. There was discussion about the barn and what type of foundation exists. Mr. Santos explained that the barn would be built on the same footings. The trees to be replaced must be on his own land and not on the state layout (unless he gets specific permission from the state MDOT)

The Commission closed the hearing and reviewed the draft Order of Conditions and voted unanimously 5-0 to issue the conditions as written and amended.

Request for Determination of Applicability (continuation)

621 Sudbury St. (the notice on the agenda was incorrect)

Proposal is to clear back yard and add some drainage trenches to direct water away from the yard.

Ms. Ryder explained that the Commission had issued a violation notice to Mr. Scola, the homeowner, asking him to stop his work near the wetland and file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) to get permission to continue. Mr. Scola was present and explained that prior to buying the house; he had done research and found no wetlands. So, he proceeded to clear his back yard and improve some of the drainage, before being stopped by Ms. Ryder and being informed about the wetland. He said he'd do whatever was necessary to correct the violation. The commission asked why he needed the drainage trenches. He explained that lots of water comes off the street and around his house and stands in the back yard before draining into the wetland. He just wanted to direct the water around the flat part of the back yard, so he installed some French drains to help get the water to the wetland; the trenches are just filled with stone. He did remove some trees and flattened that area. He will be seeding the area with grass and some gravel in the spring to stabilize it.

The Commission continued the hearing to Feb. 16th, so the Commission members had a chance to look at the site before rendering a decision.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

The City of Marlborough DPW – 860 Boston Post Rd. and 82 Country Lane

Proposes to upgrade the existing Easterly Wastewater Treatment Facility (EWWTP) to meet new NPDES permit requirements. In addition the outdated Country Lane sewage pump station at 82 Country Lane will be updated and replaced. This is located next to Mowry Brook.

Dana Green of CDM Smith was present and explained that at the previous meeting, the Commission asked for the Easement Plan and language and a revised pump station plan, which were provided. He explained each separately as follows:

Country Lane Pump Station: He provided a new plan dated January 2012 stamped by Michael Guidice Jr. titled “Easterly Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Country Lane Pump Station site plan” Sheet C-36. He also noted that the easement issue with the neighbors has been resolved.

EWWTP: Mr. Greene explained that he had spoken at length about the odor issue with Councilor Delano after the last meeting and this seems to have been adequately addressed. The problem remains with the composting area and solid waste recycling area. CDM Smith has met with the Board of Health. The Board of Health needs to provide a site assessment and has provided conditions to operate which includes regular sweeping, taking containers away or washing the containers on a regular basis to keep the smell down. (John Skarin left the meeting) He suggested that the following conditions be added:

1. Remove litter that blows around on a daily basis- guard on duty should be required to do this.
2. Yard waste area must be containerized and covered with tarp to make sure it doesn't get wet and heavy.
3. During large storm events with lots of tree and leaf debris materials, this can be stored there for 45 days.

There are no containers for yard waste now, so this should cut down on the smell and large accumulations of materials. This should lead to a cleaner site.

The Commission discussed drainage from this transfer area, it was agreed that the catch basins would be equipped with 4' sumps and hoods to capture any “dirty” materials coming off this site. The Commission discussed the detention basin to be constructed and the fore bay to be included. The detention basin is not designed to be fenced in, is this acceptable to the Engineering Dept. Ms. Ryder will confirm with Tom Cullen.

There being no further discussions, the Commission closed the hearing; and reviewed the draft Order of Conditions. The Commission voted 4-0 to accept the conditions as written and amended. (John Skarin left the meeting before the vote)

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the following items and commented as follows:

- MACC Annual Conference March 3, 2012- none of the members said they would go.
- 93 Framingham Rd. Open Space Development Concept Plan- Comments to Planning Board- Ms. Ryder showed the Commission a set of plans that are before the Planning Board and reviewed the suggested comments. The Commission concurred and suggested that Ms. Ryder send the comments along to the Planning Board.
- Mt. Ward interpretive trail brochure by Eagle Scout- Aiden Steadman produced a nice interpretive brochure for Mt. Ward. This will be included in the kiosk and linked to the Commission's web page. The Commission asked Ms. Ryder to thank Mr. Steadman

- Ft. Meadow Reservoir Drawdown – the Commission discussed when to close the spillway gate at the Dam on the Reservoir, they decided they'd wait until the next meeting on Feb. 16th to decide.

Correspondence/Other Business:

The following correspondence was reviewed and the Commission voted to accept it and place on file.

- Public hearing notice for Board of Health hearing on modifications to Recycling/Rubbish drop off facility at EWWTP Feb. 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM at City Hall

Meetings

- Next Conservation Commission Meetings will be February 16th, and March 1st, 2012 (Thursdays)

Adjournment

There being no further discussion the Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation officer